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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2020

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in New Mexico is forecast at 744,000 tons, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 5 percent from the 784,000 tons produced in 2019. New Mexico farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 155,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, down 5,000 acres from 2019. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.80 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.90 tons per acre.

All **cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 110,500 480-lb bales, up 28 percent from 2019. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 40,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 95,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 23 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,140 pounds per acre, up 319 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 2, 48 percent of cotton was setting bolls, compared with 12 percent last year and the five-year average of 41 percent. The cotton crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,900 acres, up 2,900 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 15,500 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 9,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 942 pounds per acre, up 78 pounds per acre from last year.

**Peanut** production for 2020 is forecast at 15.50 million pounds, up 3 percent from the 15.09 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 3,100 pounds per acre, down from 3,210 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 5,000 acres this year, up 300 acres from last year. As of August 2, the peanut crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 43 percent fair, and 35 percent good.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2020 is forecast at 51.7 million tons, down 6 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 73.6 million tons, down 1 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.04 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2020, but up 1 percent from 2019.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 938 pounds per harvested acre, up 115 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.5 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from 2019. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 554,500 bales, down 19 percent from 2019. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.25 million acres, down 20 percent from 2019.

**Peanut** production is forecast at 6.21 billion pounds, up 13 percent from 2019. Area harvested is expected to total 1.47 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 6 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,218 pounds per acre, up 269 pounds per acre from 2019.

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